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REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY,

MADE TO THE

HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND,

JANUARY 10TH, 1860.

REPORT.

The committee on the State Library beg leave to report, that they have received the report of the State Librarian, of the operations of that office for the years 1858 and '59, and recommend that it be printed for the information of the General Assembly of Maryland.

They have examined carefully the Librarian's account, current of disbursements for the years 1858-'9, with the vouchers accompanying his report and find them to agree with the items as charged in the count current.

The committee further report the office to be in admirable condition and its business conducted in a systematic and prompt manner.

The re-arrangement of the law, miscellaneous, and other books, in the new Library room, reflects credit upon the State Librarian, the present system being simpler and a great improvement upon the old.

This duty of re-arranging, assorting and classifying some eighteen thousand books, was a work of great labor and has been performed in a most satisfactory manner.

The financial affairs of the office have been managed with a due regard for the interest of the State and its creditors.

This office being upon a footing of efficiency, and accountability, the committee at this late period of the session, do not deem it advisable to make any further recommendations concerning the business operations of this office.

In conclusion of this report, the committee would recom-

mend to the State Librarian, a strict observance of the Acts of Assembly and Resolutions, prescribing the terms upon which books can be taken out the Library, and to permit, no book, document or phamphlet, be taken out, except by such persons, as are entitled by law to do so.

W. E. SALMON, Chairman

Com. on the Library, of the House of Delegates.

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